WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Cases pending before the Supreme Court

*44. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases are pending before the Supreme Court at present and among them how many are three, five and ten years old;

(b) how many among them are of original jurisdiction and how many are of appellate Juridiction category-wise;

(c) how many civil and criminal SLP cases are pending at present for disposal; and

(d) what steps are being taken to dispose of pending cases expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHANGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) to (c) A statement is attached. (See below)

(d) Various steps have been taken to expedite disposal of pending cases. These steps include grouping of cases involving common question of law and constitution of specialised benches. The listing procedure has been streamlined so as to get old cases on the list in chronological order for their disposal as early as possible.

Statement

(a) Pendency of cases in the Supreme Court as on 30.6.90:

(i) Regular hearing matters = 44815

(ii) Admission matters = 63564

Total: 108379

(b) Break-up of pendency of cases

Category of Cases	Pending for more than 10 yrs.	5 yrs.	3 yrs.
(A) Appellate			
I *Jurisdiction non-Constitutional matters*			
(i) Civil appeals	4799	16089	22781
(ii) Criminal appeals	466	3278	4058
II Constitutional matters, etc.	163	445	5909
(B) Original Jurisdiction			
(i) Writ petition (Civil)	290	4115	5048
(ii) Writ petition (Criminal)	—	34	68
(iii) Special Reference	—	2	3

Category of Cases	Pending for more than 10 yrs.	5 yrs.	3 yrs.
(iv) Original Suits	2	14	15
(v) Transfer Cases	—	187	336
(vi) Reference under various Act.	5	26	46

(c) Special Leave Petition (Civil) = 48154
Special Leave Petition (Criminal) = 6765
Total: 54919

Simplification of Import Licensing Procedure

*45. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proprose to further simplify the import licensing procedure; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b) The Import Licensing Procedures are kept constantly under review and simplification is effected as necessary.

U.S. Action Under Super 301 Against India

*46. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest stand of the United States about taking action under Super 301 against India on the expiry of deadline and what are the reasons attributed by the United States for not taking action against India under the above provision;

(b) whether there has been any change in Indian Government's stand during the last three months on the issue in response to the United States' stand and also on the issue of negotiations under Super 301 law with the U.S. authorities; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) On 14 June, 1990, the US Trade Representative (USTR) has determined that certain allegedly trade restricting investment measures and barriers to foreign insurance providers imposed by Government of India are unreasonable and burden or restrict US Commerce. The USTR has, however, determined that no responsive action under Section-301 of the US Trade Act is appropriate at this time, given the potential for results through Government of India's participation in the Uruguay Round Negotiation on Trade Related Investment Measures and Services. Therefore, the investigations initiated against India have been terminated and the status of India's practices is proposed to be reviewed after the conclusion of the Uruguay Round Negotiations to determine at the time whether actions under Section 301 would be warranted.

(b) No, Sir. The Government of India continued to maintain the stand that it would not enter into negotiations with the USA under threat of retaliation inherent in Section 301 provision.

(c) Does not arise.